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1948 DRIED FRUIT PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM

Support level

No fixed level. Minimum grower prices are:

Service fee  
None

Raisins, Natural Thompson Seedless - \$130 per ton  
(equal to 75% November 1948 parity)

Area of Operation

Prunes - \$140 per ton (equal 63% Nov. 1948 parity)

Continental U. S.  
Chiefly Calif.

Period of operation

Aug. 23, 1948 - June 30, 1949

Eligibility

Producers, dehydrator operators, packers, processors or other handlers of dried fruits including industry organizations administering pools established pursuant to State or Federal marketing programs; dried raisins, prunes, apples, apricots, peaches, pears and figs meeting grade requirements.

Procedure

Purchase announcements are issued by the Fruit and Vegetable Branch from time to time and mailed to producers and processors. The producer or processors, if interested in offering to CCC, completes contract form "Offer of Sale" sent with the purchase announcement showing quantity, size, etc. of dried fruit he offers to CCC and mails to the Fruit and Vegetable Branch in Washington. In general, independent handlers are required to purchase from growers upon acceptance of offer by CCC, the natural condition fruit at the minimum price established by CCC. Cooperative Marketing Associations are required to credit producers' pool accounts with the specified minimum price. The offers are tabulated and reviewed by the contracting officer and recommendations made as to which lots should be accepted. After approval by Fruit and Vegetable Branch Director, the contracting officer sends notification of acceptance to vendor. Abstract of Purchase is prepared and copies sent to Fiscal Branch, Shipping and Storage Branch, Information Branch, Audit Branch, and to Food Distribution Programs Branch if for School Lunch. Shipping instructions to the vendor are issued by regional PMA Office (S&S Branch). After delivery, the vendor submits voucher for payment to the Fiscal Branch Field Office where it is scheduled for payment by the appropriate Disbursing Officer. The Shipping and Storage Branch field office submits periodic reports of stocks to Washington.

Problems

Grade-out of crop - In order to bolster the price support effects of the purchase, independent contractors are required to take off the market natural condition dried fruit equal to the volume contracted with CCC. The grade-out of the fruit purchased, however, often results in a volume distribution by sizes differing from that in the contract. Consequently it has been necessary to allow substitution of sizes within the total contract volume. This results

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in a necessity to make timely amendments to contracts involving purchases by sizes.

(Note: The above program is implemented by programs providing for (1) sale to Section 32 domestic programs, (2) Section 32 subsidy payments on CCC sales to ECA outlets, and (3) Section 32 subsidy payments on exports of dried fruits to ECA countries by commercial exporters.)



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